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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA,

CONVENED IN

MIFFLINBURG, UNION COUNTY,

ON THE 23D OF SEPTEMBER, 1847.

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PURSUANT to a resolution, passed at the last meeting, this body convened in Mifflinburg, Union Co. Pa., on Thursday, September 23d, 1847. On the evening of the same day, the President, the Rev. J. Oswald, preached the Synodical Sermon from Gal. vi. 9.

### First Session.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept. 24, 1847.*

Agreeably to previous appointment, the clerical and lay-members met in the church for the transaction of business. The proceedings were introduced as usual with singing and prayer, the President officiating. The former Secretary, the Rev. S. Sprecher, being absent, the Rev. J. Ulrich was appointed Secretary pro tem. The roll was called and the absentees noted.

The following is a list of the members composing this body :

|    | Ordained Ministers.               | Post Office address.            |
|----|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | REV. J. G. SCHMUCKER, D. D.*..... | <i>York, York co. Pa.</i>       |
| 2. | “ WILLIAM HEIM, .. .. .           | <i>Andesville, Perry co.</i>    |
| 3. | “ B. KELLER,* .. .. .             | <i>Gettysburg, Adams co.</i>    |
| 4. | “ C. P. KRAUTH, D. D.....         | <i>Gettysburg, Adams co.</i>    |
| 5. | “ S. S. SCHMUCKER, D. D.....      | <i>Gettysburg, Adams co.</i>    |
| 6. | “ J. V. E. THORN,† .. .. .        | <i>Carlisle, Cumberland co.</i> |
| 7. | “ J. ALBERT, .. .. .              | <i>Hanover, York co.</i>        |
| 8. | “ A. H. LOCHMAN, .. .. .          | <i>York, York co.</i>           |
| 9. | “ P. SCHEURER, .. .. .            | <i>Abbottstown, Adams co.</i>   |

\* Absent and excused.

† Absent without excuse

10. Rev. J. N. HOFFMAN, ..... *Carlisle, Cumberland co.*
11. " J. MARTIN, ..... *Mifflintown, Juniata co.*
12. " A. G. DEININGER, ..... *Berlin, Adams co.*
13. " J. OSWALD, ..... *York, York co.*
14. " W. GERMAN,\* ..... *York, York co.*
15. " D. KEYL,† .....
16. " J. KEMPFER, ..... *Carlisle, Cumberland co.*
17. " J. G. ANSPACH, ..... *Mifflinburg, Union co.*
18. " M. JACOBS, ..... *Gettysburg, Adams co.*
19. " J. ULRICH, ..... *York Springs, Adams co.*
20. " A. BABB, ..... *Mechanicsburg, Cumberland co.*
21. " G. ERLLENMEYER, ..... *Freeburg, Union co.*
22. " C. REESE, ..... *Aaronsburg, Centre co.*
23. " P. HERMAN,† ..... *Cross Roads, York co.*
24. " S. R. BOYER, ..... *McEwensville, Northumberland co.*
25. " S. SPRECHER,\* ..... *Chambersburg, Franklin co.*
26. " S. OSWALD,\* ..... *York, York co.*
27. " J. WEIBLE,\* ..... *Gettysburg, Adams co.*
28. " J. P. SHINDEL, ..... *Middleburg, Juniata co.*
29. " J. T. WILLIAMS,\* ..... *Shippensburg, Cumberland co.*
30. " M. EYSTER, ..... *Greencastle, Franklin co.*
31. " J. ROSENBERG, ..... *Dickinson, Cumberland co.*
32. " D. SMITH, ..... *Chambersburg, Franklin co.*
33. " C. F. KUNKEL, ..... *Dickinson, Cumberland co.*
34. " A. BERG,\* ..... *Shrewsbury, York co.*
35. " L. T. WILLIAMS, ..... *Fayetteville, Franklin co.*
36. " F. A. BARNITZ,\* ..... *Harrisburg, Dauphin co.*
37. " J. KOHLER, ..... *Williamsport, Lycoming co.*
38. " E. BREIDENBAUGH, ..... *Newville, Cumberland co.*
39. " J. G. CAPITO, ..... *York, York co.*
40. " T. M. FLINT, ..... *Jersey Shore, Lycoming co.*
41. " W. WEAVER, ..... *Millerstown, Perry co.*
42. " L. KNIGHT, ..... *Bloomfield, Perry co.*
43. " W. KOPP, ..... *Loudon, Franklin co.*
44. " W. HEILIG, ..... *Middletown, Dauphin co.*

#### LICENTIATES.

45. Rev. E. FREY,\* ..... *Manchester, York co.*
46. " W. DEININGER, ..... *Berlin, Adams co.*
47. " B. M. SCHMUCKER,† ..... *Gettysburg, Adams co.*
48. " W. GERHART,† ..... *Elizabethtown, Lancaster co.*

\* Absent and excused.

† Licensed at this meeting of Synod.

The following lay-delegates now presented certificates of their appointment, and were received as members of Synod, as follows:

MR. J. DUNKELBERGER, *from the charge of Rev. W. Heim.*

" C. FLEGER, ..... " *J. N. Hoffman.*

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| MR. CALEB HESS, <i>from the charge of</i> | Rev. J. Kempfer. |
| “ GEORGE FRANK,.....                      | “ J. Martin.     |
| “ JOHN RAY,.....                          | “ J. G. Anspach. |
| “ HENRY HESS,.....                        | “ C. Reese.      |
| “ GEORGE SCHWARTZ,.....                   | “ G. Erlenmeyer. |
| “ SOL. DRUCKERMILLER.....                 | “ S. R. Boyer.   |
| “ G. LONGSDORFF,.....                     | “ A. Babb.       |
| “ GEO. SCHOCH,.....                       | “ J. P. Shindel. |
| “ THOS. FURSTER,.....                     | “ T. M. Flint.   |
| “ CHRISTIAN LONG,.....                    | “ L. Knight.     |
| “ GEO. REINDOLLAR,.....                   | “ W. Kopp.       |
| “ JACOB WEIS,.....                        | “ J. Kohler.     |

The Synod being now fully organized, the President read the following

#### ANNUAL REPORT:

BRETHREN, by the permission of Him, whose is the earth and the fullness thereof, we have again, after the lapse of a year, met as the Synod of West Pa.—Death as usual has been doing his work; our fellow-creatures all around us being called into the presence of God, yet we have all been spared. Let us give thanks unto God for this mercy, as well as for every other which we have experienced at his paternal hands, and let us more than ever, (during the time that may yet remain unto us) imitate our great and common Master, and especially in industry, as respects the ministry, committed unto us, so that, at its close, we may look back with confidence, and each of us, be enabled to exclaim, in the words of the blessed Redeemer, “Father I have glorified thee on earth, I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.”

My official acts, during the past Synodical year, are the following:

1. Besides advice, which I gave to several of the brethren in special cases, when so requested, I gave certificates of honorable dismissal to the following individuals: Rev. W. C. Hauer, (dismissed) Nov. the 27th, 1847; Rev. L. G. Eggers, Jan. 11th, 1847; Rev. A. Bosserman, Jan. 27th, 1847; and Rev. A. C. Ehrenfeld, April 26th, 1847.

2. I appointed three of the brethren to install brother Flint, in his former charge; but the brethren failing in the performance of the work assigned them, I directed the Rev. Messrs. Boyer, Eggers and Kohler, and Rev. br. Reese as br. Kohler’s alternate, to install br. Flint, in Lewistown, on Feb. the 5th, 1847. Never having been informed to the contrary, I take it for granted that this duty was properly attended to.

3. I again, during the past year, received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Donmeyer, complaining of the conduct of a member of this Synod. Not knowing where to find br. Keyl, I addressed him through the complainant, urging him to propriety of conduct, since which I have heard nothing more of the parties in question. I think the brethren should not again pass this subject over lightly, but rather give it the consideration which it justly merits. Sister Synods look to us, and expect us to watch over the conduct of our members.

The Rev. T. M. Flint resigned his charge at Lewistown, and removed to Jersey-shore. The Rev. F. A. Barnitz resigned his charge at Jersey-shore. The Rev. L. G. Eggers resigned his charge also, and removed into the bounds of the Synod of Pa. &c. These resignations and changes, all transpired regularly and constitutionally. The Rev. A. Babb, moreover, since our last report, handed me his certificate of honorable dismissal, from the Alleghany Synod, as required by a resolution of Synod in Carlisle, 1845.

Sometime during the month of August last, I received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Schaeffer, of Harrisburg, stating that the Supreme Court have pronounced the Act of April 1846, relative to the Frey's estate, unconstitutional. This Act was obtained at the instance of a committee appointed by the Synod of Pa. and this body. The trustees appointed are nonsuited, and according to agreement with their council are to pay fifty dollars. The Rev. Schaeffer requested in his communication, our portion of this fee, which is twenty-five dollars. Believing the Treasury to be empty, or nearly so, I desired him to wait until the meeting of this Synod. I hope the Treasurer may be instructed to forward the twenty-five dollars asked for, forthwith, to their proper destination.

The Rev. A. H. Loelman, our delegate to the Synod of Penn., and one of the committee on Frey's estate, was formally authorized to act in behalf of this Synod, in reference to said Estate, at the meeting of said Synod in May, 1847.

As respects the state of religion in our bounds, it is known to all the brethren, as well as myself, and this precludes the necessity of any extended remarks on my part. We could all, no doubt, wish it much better. But though we have heard little or nothing of any special outpourings of the Spirit on our churches, or of revivals of religion, yet we may hope that the word preached has not been in vain; that believers have been established, and that some, perhaps many, have been translated from darkness into the kingdom of Christ.

Finally, brethren, may the Lord bless you all and keep you; make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; lift upon you the light of his countenance and give you peace. Amen.

On motion the above report was accepted.

In conformity to the Constitution, the Synod now proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The result was as follows:

REV. J. OSWALD, *President*,

“ J. ULRICH, *Secretary*,

“ M. JACOBS, *Treasurer*.

The Rev. J. Martin and Rev. W. Weaver having presented certificates of regular and honorable dismissal from the Alleghany Synod, were received as members of this body. Mr. Geo. Frank,

delegate from brother J. Martin's charge, appeared and was admitted to a seat in the Synod.

The following brethren were excused for non-attendance at this meeting: Rev. J. Weible, Rev. B. Keller, Rev. W. German, Rev. E. Frey, Rev. Solomon Oswald, Rev. S. Sprecher, Rev. J. T. Williams, and Rev. F. A. Barnitz.

*I. Resolved*, That the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of Synod be dispensed with, and that they be referred to a committee.

The various papers and documents requiring the action of Synod, were then distributed among the following committees:

*First Committee*—Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D.D., Rev. W. Heim, and Mr. John Ray.

*Second Committee*—Rev. C. P. Krauth, D.D., Rev. A. H. Lochman, and Mr. George Schock.

*Third Committee*—Rev. J. Albert, Rev. P. Scheurer, and Mr. John Dunkelberger.

*Fourth Committee*—Rev. J. N. Hoffman, Rev. A. G. Deininger, and Mr. George Longsdorff.

*Fifth Committee*—Rev. J. Kempfer, Rev. C. Reese, and Mr. George Reindollar.

*Sixth Committee*—Rev. S. R. Boyer, Rev. J. P. Shindel, and Mr. C. Long.

*Seventh Committee*—Rev. J. Rosenberg, Rev. D. Smith, and Mr. Henry Hess.

*Eighth Committee*—Rev. C. F. Kunkle, Rev. L. Williams, Messrs. Charles Fleger, and Solomon Druckermiller.

*Ninth Committee*—Rev. G. Erlenmeyer, Rev. J. Kohler, Messrs. Caleb Hess, and G. Schwartz.

*Tenth Committee*—Rev. E. Breidenbaugh, Rev. T. M. Flint, Rev. L. Knight, and Mr. G. Frank.

*Eleventh Committee*—Rev. A. Babb, Rev. W. Kopp, and Mr. Thomas Furster.

*Twelfth Committee*—Rev. M. Eyster, and Rev. A. H. Lochman.

*Thirteenth Committee*—Rev. J. Martin, and Rev. P. Scheurer.

*Fourteenth Committee*—Rev. J. N. Hoffman, and Rev. W. Heim.

II. *Resolved*, That a committee to audit the 'Treasurer's report be appointed and report to Synod. The committee are Dr. C. P. Krauth, and Mr. J. Ray.

III. *Resolved*, That Messrs. Beal M. Schmucker and William Gerhart be received as applicants for licensure, and that a committee of three be appointed to examine them.

The committee are Rev. C. P. Krauth, G. Erlenmeyer, and J. N. Hoffman.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. H. Lochman.

### Second Session.

FRIDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. G. Erlenmeyer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The reports of Committees being now in order,

#### *The First Committee reported as follows:*

Your committee respectfully report, that the document submitted to them was the report of the President of Synod, in reference to which they propose the following:

I. It is respectfully recommended, that the President, when reporting the dismissions given by him to members of this body, also in all cases specify the reason why each was applied for, and that the dismissal should in all cases state the Synod to which the individual designs to transfer his relations. This is done in one case and omitted in several others in the report before us.

II. In reference to the reported failure of certain brethren, appointed to install the Rev. Mr. Flint at Lewistown, your committee recommend, that said brethren have an opportunity given them to clear themselves of the charge of delinquency, by stating to the Synod the causes of their non-attendance.

III. In reference to the application of the Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, of Harrisburg, in behalf of the Trustees appointed by the Legislature to take charge of Frey's Orphan-house, your committee recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the 'Treasurer of this Synod forward to Rev. Schaeffer \$25 as our portion of the fee of counsel employed in the Court of Common pleas of Dauphin county, and in the Supreme Court, for the purpose of defending the rights of our church in said Institution.

IV. Touching the remarks of the President on the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, your committee propose the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the brethren of those Conference Districts, in which no meetings have been held during the past year, hereafter to attend more faithfully to the provisions of the Constitution on

this subject as among the most efficient means of building up the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

V. In reference to the complaints about disorderly conduct, and the admonition of the President to watch over the conduct of our members, and to pursue an exemplary course in our relations to other Synods, your committee respectfully recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this body, faithful adherence to the geographical boundaries established between adjoining Synods, is highly important to the harmony of their relations and the peace and prosperity of the church.

Resolved, That several of the most important objects of Synodical organization, such as co-operation between adjoining pastors, the faithful watching over each other's walk and conversation, and the security of the rights of congregations in cases of ministerial delinquency, cannot be so well attained, if ministers are permitted to live in the bounds of one Synod, and yet to be connected with another at a distance.

Resolved, That it is not the province of individual ministers, even when residing along the line of division between two Synods, to change at option the "marked boundary" between said bodies, inasmuch as Synodical boundaries should be formed by mutual arrangement between adjoining Synods.

Resolved, That entertaining these views, this Synod will continue to discourage the violations of them by ministers within our bounds, and respectfully and earnestly request all sister Synods to do so likewise.

Resolved, That as the Synodical connection of the churches between the two branches of the Susquehanna seems never to have been definitely settled, the brethren resident there be requested to hold a Conference and make arrangements to decide for themselves, or to bring the matter before the several adjoining Synods or before the General Synod for friendly determination.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. SCHMUCKER,  
J. WILLIAM HEIM,  
JOHN RAY.

The report was accepted.

An opportunity having been given to those brethren who were appointed by the President to install brother Flint, to state to Synod the causes of their non-attendance, the report as a whole was adopted.

On motion, the report of the President, as thus acted on, was also adopted.

### *Second Committee.*

The Second Committee report as follows: The papers given into their hands contain,

1. A communication from the Rev. Dr. J. G. Schmucker expressing the gratification which he generally felt in meeting with the brethren in Synod, assigning bodily infirmity as an excuse for his absence, and imploring the blessing of the great Head of the Church on their deliberations.

2. Another document handed over to your committee, is a letter from Rev. Donmeyer, complaining of the disorderly conduct of Rev. Mr. Keyl, praying Synod to take some measures to stop him in his career of irregular conduct. The committee in the absence of testimony could come to no conclusion in the matter, and would refer the whole subject to Synod.

3. A communication from a small congregation in Kishacoquillas Valley, now attached to the Lewistown charge, desiring to be united to the Kishacoquillas Valley charge; giving reasons for this, and asking Synod to sanction it. The communication is signed by twenty-four members of the congregation. The committee would refer the whole of this matter to Synod.

4. A letter from the Abbottstown charge, stating the difficulties under which they labor in sustaining a pastor, and asking Synod to aid them by attaching some other congregations with their district. The committee think their case an urgent one, and hope that Synod will use every effort to sustain that charge; if nothing is done, that charge must sink.

C. P. KRAUTH,  
A. H. LOCHMAN,  
GEORGE SCHOCH.

The report was accepted, and being considered by items, it was  
IV. *Resolved*, That Dr. J. G. Schmucker be excused.

V. *Resolved*, That No. 2, be referred to the Ministerium.

VI. *Resolved*, That the petition of the brethren in Kishacoquillas Valley be granted, and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate to them the action of Synod.

In reference to the 4th item, it was

VII. *Resolved*, That the ministers in and about Abbottstown be advised to consult in reference to the petition of the Abbottstown charge, and if possible aid them in sustaining their minister.

The report was adopted as a whole.

### *Third Committee.*

The third committee would respectfully report, that the document entrusted to them is a letter from brother Berg, in which they find the following items, viz. :

1. He wishes the blessing of God to accompany the deliberations of this body ;  
2. Regrets that bodily infirmity prevents him from attending the meeting of Synod ;

3. Sends his parochial report ;

4. Reports his annual collections in his charge, viz. :

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Collected from Shrewsbury congregation, | \$15 00 |
| Shuster's " "                           | 11 86   |

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|-----------------------|---|-------|
| Fissel's              | " | 13 60 |
| Stelses               | " | 5 06  |
| Stabley's             | " | 3 45  |
| Codorus school-house, |   | 5 73  |
| To which is added     |   | 6 00  |

All of which amounts to \$60 00

Which monies he requests to be paid as follows :

|                                                     |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| To Education Society—balance of last year's pledge, | \$20 00 |
| Synodical Treasury,                                 | 5 00    |
| Home Missionary Society,                            | 15 00   |
| And upon his pledge for the coming year,            | 20 00   |

Total, \$60 00

Besides the above amount he sends \$1 00, being his annual contribution to the Miss. and Ed. Society.

Your committee would recommend that brother Berg's absence be excused.

Signed, JACOB ALBERT,  
P. SCHEURER,  
JOHN DUNKELMEYER.

The report was accepted and adopted.

#### *Fourth Committee.*

The fourth committee would respectfully report, that the following papers were committed to them :

No. 1, is a letter from brother F. A. Barnitz, containing *a.* his excuse for not attending Synod. *b.* His parochial report as follows : Cong. 5 ; Communicants 100 ; Baptisms, infants 15, adults 4 ; Confirmations 23 ; by certificate 1 ; Funerals 2. *c.* Contributed to Education Society \$6 00.

No. 2. A letter from Rev. J. T. Williams containing, *a.* His excuse ; *b.* his parochial report, viz. : Cong. 4 ; Baptisms, infants 30, adults 7 ; Confirmed 28 ; certificate 2 ; Communicants 340 ; Deaths 8 ; Sunday-schools 3. *c.* He assigns the reason for sending no collection, namely, that the costs of erecting a church has required all their contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. HOFFMAN,  
A. G. DEININGER,  
GEO. LONGSDORFF.

Accepted and adopted.

#### *Fifth Committee.*

The committee No. 5, report as follows :

No. 1, are the minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Session of the Hartwick Synod of the Ev. Luth. Church, in the state of New York, of 1846.

No. 2, are the Minutes of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Western Virginia, and adjacent parts, of 1846.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KEMPFER,  
C. REESE,  
G. REINDOLLAR.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

*Sixth Committee.*

The committee No. 6, beg leave to report :

No. 1, are the proceedings of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Virginia. This body met in Augusta county, Va., May 6th, 1847. In these minutes your committee find nothing that deserves special notice. These brethren took proper notice of our minutes, and delegate sent to them from this body.

No. 2, the proceedings of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Maryland. This body held its last session in Emmittsburg, Oct. 15th, A. D. 1846. The Rev. Dr. Krauth delegate from our Synod appeared before them, and was received.

These brethren are also laudably engaged in the benevolent operations of our Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BOYER,  
J. P. SHINDEL,  
C. G. LONG.

Upon motion, the report was accepted and adopted

*Seventh Committee.*

Your committee to whom was referred the minutes of the last session of the West Pennsylvania Synod, respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and find in them the following items which may deserve attention :

1st. In reference to the Neinstedt debt. A resolution was passed last session that those brethren who had not paid their quota of this debt do so within three months from that date.

2d. Rev's. Boyer and Kohler were appointed a committee to visit a congregation in Washington, Lycoming county, and to confer with brother Parson in making arrangements to meet their spiritual wants. We suppose that these brethren should report, whether this duty has been performed, and the results of the same.

JOHN ROSENBERG,  
D. SMITH,  
HENRY HESS.

The report was accepted and disposed of by items.

In reference to the Neinstedt debt it was, on motion,

IX. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay all surplus funds in the treasury towards the payment of the Neinstedt debt, and that he borrow whatever may be necessary to make up the deficiency.

The brethren, Boyer and Kohler, informed Synod that the wants of the congregation in Washington, Lycoming Co., Pa., were supplied.

The report as a whole was then adopted.

*Eighth Committee.*

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the New York Synod, would respectfully report that they find nothing having special reference to this

body. This Synod held its fifty-first session in St. James church, city of New York, commencing on the 5th of September, 1846.

C. F. KUNKLE,  
L. T. WILLIAMS,  
C. FLEGER.

The report was accepted and adopted.

#### *Ninth Committee.*

The Ninth committee beg leave to report that the papers committed to them are:

1. The minutes of the third session of the Pittsburg Synod of the Ev. Luth. Church, which convened in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pa., on the 28th of May, 1846. We find nothing in its proceedings having special reference to this body.

2. Next are two numbers of the Lutheran Observer, containing an abstract of the proceedings of the Pittsburg Synod of the Ev. Luth. Church, held at Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pa., from the 27th of May to the 2d of June, 1847. From these proceedings it would appear, that three or four churches were dedicated during the year to the Triune God, and eleven new churches in different stages of progression. Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pa., was declared to be the place for the Academy, under the care of that Synod. We found nothing in the proceedings that has a special reference to our body; but would call the attention of our Synod to this circumstance, that the Pittsburg Synod, since its organization, has never yet received any proceedings of our Synod. The brethren composing this Synod seem to be actively and zealously engaged in the cause of Home Missions, and in promoting the kingdom of our Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. ERLENMEYER,  
J. KOHLER,  
GEO. SCHWARTZ.

The report was accepted, and in regard to No. 2, upon motion, it was

X. *Resolved*, That this Synod deeply regrets that the Pittsburg Synod has never heretofore received the minutes of this body.

XI. *Resolved*, That hereafter six copies of the minutes of this Synod be annually sent to the Pittsburg Synod.

The report as thus acted upon, was adopted.

#### *Tenth Committee.*

Committee No. 10, to whom were referred for examination the proceedings of the 41st session of the Ev. Luth. Synod of North Carolina, convened in Organ Church, Rowan county, April 30th, 1847; and of the Twelfth Meeting of the English Ev. Luth. Synod of Ohio, convened in Washingtonville, Columbiana county, June 3d, 1847, would respectfully report:

1. Are the minutes of North Carolina Synod. There is nothing in the report of the proceedings of this Synod having any reference to this body, except that our minutes were received and noticed in the most favorable manner. The destitution of ministers in the bounds of this Synod is deeply deplored, and it is earnestly prayed that the Great Head of the church may speedily supply them with faithful ministers, who may break unto them the bread of life. Several resolutions in reference to temperance were passed, which speak in strong and decided language against the practice of drunkenness, and earnestly urge their members to abstain from participating in the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits as an article of traffic.

These brethren are active in the cause of Domestic Missions in their midst. They are endeavoring by every laudable exertion to build up the many waste places of Zion. Much remains to be done, but their laborers are few.

The same christian zeal follows these brethren that has usually attended their cause. The next meeting of this Synod will be at St. Paul's church, in Catawba county, on the Friday before the first Sabbath of May, 1848.

2. Are the minutes of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Ohio. There is no notice taken of our minutes which may probably be accounted for, as their proceedings were published in an abstract form in the Lutheran Observer.

The efforts of this Synod to aid in giving permanence to Wittenberg College, have been crowned with considerable success, as the Institution seems to be in a prosperous state. Three licensed candidates were ordained. The licenses of eight were renewed, and two were licensed for the first time, to preach the Gospel.

The next meeting of this Synod will be held in Shanesville, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in May, 1848.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BREIDENBAUGH,  
T. M. FLINT,  
L. KNIGHT,  
G. FRANK.

Upon motion, this report was accepted and adopted.

#### *Eleventh Committee.*

Your committee No. 11, into whose hands were placed the proceedings of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Illinois, and of the English Ev. Luth. Synod of Ohio, report:

1. In looking over the proceedings of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Illinois, we find nothing that claims any attention from this body. This Synod is composed of six members. As they have forwarded to us a copy of their proceedings, your committee move that the same favor be reciprocated.

2. The abstract proceedings of the English Ev. Luth. Synod of Ohio, is of 1846, but as they held a session since, the proceedings of which are in the hands of another committee, we think it unnecessary to take any further notice of their proceedings, especially as there is nothing in them that has any reference to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

A. BABB,  
W. KOPP.

Accepted and adopted.

The Committees Nos. 12, 13, and 14, informed Synod that the papers &c. referred to them for examination belonged to the Ministerium, where they would report at the proper time.

At this stage of the business the President appointed a committee No. 15, to receive written reports from pastors and licentiates on the state of religion in their respective charges, and prepare a report for Synod. The committee are bros. A. Babb, and J. Martin.

The following report is here inserted by special request :

Contributions from Rev. B. Keller's charge, Gettysburg, Pa., to the Education, Missionary, and Synodical Treasury, viz :

|                                                                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------|
| From the Ed. and Miss. Society of St. James, per. Mr. Geo. Shryock, \$34 35 |   |   |   |   |   |   |               |
| " Flohr's Church,                                                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13 98         |
| " Arendt's Church,                                                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 91         |
| " Marks' Church,                                                            | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 51          |
| Sum total,                                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/> \$69 75 |

The Parochial Reports were now presented :

# PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| MINISTERS.                   | Baptisms.      |          | Confirmations. | Certificate. | Communicants. | Buried. | Sun. Schools. | Synodical Treasury. | Education Treasury. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Ed. Treasury during the year. | Home Missions during the year. | Foreign Miss'n during the year. | Annual quota of each minister for mts. & ed. purposes |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                              | Congregations. | Infants. |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| Rev. J. G. Schmucker, D. D., | 6 124          | 1 32     | 747 22         | 6 10 00      | 32 81         | 18 76   | 12 73         | 26 12               |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. W. Heim,                | 4 74           | 5 41     | 648 21         | 4 8 00       | 21 17         | 14 46   |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " B. Keller,                 |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " C. P. Krauth, D. D.,       |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " S. S. Schmucker, D. D.,    |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. V. E. Thorn,            | 3 125          | 3 64     | 761 39         | 3 5 00       | 50 00         | 15 00   |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. Albert,                 | 1 141          | 2 51     | 625            | 3 10 00      | 60 00         | 46 89   |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                | 64 00                           | 1 00                                                  |
| " A. H. Lochman,             | 5 51           | 27       | 500 17         | 2 81         | 5 00          | 10 00   |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " P. Scheurer,               | 1 40           | 2 23     | 400            | 1 5 00       | 3 00          | 9 00    |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. N. Hoffman,             | 5 100          | 1 10     | 450 9          | 3 5 00       | 30 00         | 7 50    |               |                     |                     |                |                   | 47 12                         |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. Martin,                 | 7 90           | 48       | 659 43         | 5 2 50       | 15 00         | 4 00    |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " A. G. Deininger,           | 3 37           |          | 200 12         | 1 2 35       | 15 00         |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               | 64 00                          |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. Oswald,                 | 3 55           | 34       | 369 20         | 2 00         | 10 00         |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " W. German,                 |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| " D. Keyl,                   | 4 73           | 4        | 270 15         | 3 3 10       |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. Kempfer,                | 5 61           | 2 60     | 743 26         | 8 5 00       | 10 00         |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   | 20 00                         |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. G. Anspach,             |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " M. Jacobs,                 | 7 109          | 24       | 1000 36        | 3 5 00       | 2 00          | 7 25    |               |                     |                     |                |                   | 28 81                         |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. Ulrich,                 | 3 27           | 1 11     | 280 11         | 2 5 80       | 19 00         | 12 00   |               |                     |                     |                |                   | 17 00                         |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " A. Babb,                   | 6 149          | 6 90     | 700 59         | 6 2 00       | 15 00         | 4 00    |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " G. Erlenmeyer,             | 7 77           | 35       | 418 22         | 5 3 00       | 23 00         | 1 95    |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " C. Reese,                  |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| " P. Herman,                 |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |

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|                          | Congregations. | Infants. |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| Rev. S. R. Boyer, .....  | 6              | 53       | 1              | 74           | 534           | 17      | 6             | 1 50                | 5 00                | 10 00          | 5 00              |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " S. Sprecher, .....     | 1              | 24       | 1              | 19           | 250           | 6       | 2             | 5 00                |                     |                | 21 00             |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| " S. Oswald, .....       |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| " J. Weible, .....       |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| " J. P. Schindel, .....  | 7              | 124      | 4              | 110          | 1297          | 16      | 7             | 5 00                | 40 00               | 3 35           |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. T. Williams, .....  | 4              | 30       | 7              | 28           | 340           | 8       | 3             |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " M. Eyster, .....       | 3              | 32       | 10             | 32           | 317           | 18      | 3             | 4 00                | 8 00                | 5 00           |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. Rosenberg, .....    |                | 8        |                |              |               |         | 1             | 2 00                | 6 00                | 2 00           |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " W. Heilig, .....       |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| " D. Smith, .....        |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| " C. F. Kunkle, .....    | 2              | 10       | 8              | 14           | 145           | 1       | 2             | 1 33                | 32 53               |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " A. Berg, .....         | 5              | 38       | 1              | 49           | 614           | 43      | 9             | 5 00                | 20 00               | 15 00          |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " L. T. Williams, .....  | 3              | 25       | 1              | 8            | 218           | 1       | 3             | 3 50                | 7 00                |                |                   | 13 00                         |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " F. A. Barnitz, .....   | 5              | 15       | 4              | 23           | 100           | 2       |               |                     | 6 00                |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| " J. Kohler, .....       | 3              | 24       |                |              | 75            |         | 1             | 3 06                | 5 00                | 5 00           |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " E. Breidenbaugh, ..... | 3              | 21       |                |              | 320           | 9       | 2             | 2 00                |                     | 6 00           |                   | 34 50                         | 10 00                          |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " J. G. Capito, .....    |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| " T. M. Flint, .....     | 6              | 10       |                |              | 165           |         |               | 5 00                | 20 00               | 2 37           |                   | 10 00                         |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " W. Weaver, .....       | 7              | 14       | 3              | 4            | 200           | 6       | 15            | 2 00                |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " L. Knight, .....       | 7              | 36       | 7              | 28           | 333           | 10      | 4             | 3 00                | 30 00               | 10 00          | 5 00              |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " W. Kopp, .....         | 3              | 39       | 6              | 34           | 350           | 8       | 2             | 3 00                | 23 87               | 1 85           | 1 00              |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |
| " E. Frey, .....         |                |          |                |              |               |         |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 |                                                       |
| " C. J. Deininger, ..... | 28             |          | 2              | 14           |               | 18      |               |                     |                     |                |                   |                               |                                |                                 | 1 00                                                  |

Dr. S. S. Schmucker then reported, that the Rev. A. Berg, since the meeting of Synod in 1845, paid \$9 25 towards the Neinstedt debt.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by brother Babb.

Preaching this evening by the Secretary, in the German language, from Luke 1 : 53.

### Third Session.

SATURDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by brother Knight.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, corrected and adopted.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts then reported.

The Auditing Committee respectfully report, that having submitted the accounts of the Treasurer to a careful inspection, they believe them to be correct; they show a small balance of \$15 80 in his favor.

C. P. KRAUTH,  
JOHN RAY.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

At this stage of the proceedings of Synod, two brethren from the Nittany Valley charge appeared and presented their credentials. On motion, brother Jacob Grossman was received as delegate, and Michael Schaeffer as commissioner.

At this time Mr. Jacob Weis, the delegate of brother Kohler, also appeared and presented his credentials, together with a favorable notice of the faithfulness of their pastor. He took his seat as a member of this body.

On motion,

XII. *Resolved*, That brother J. Albert be appointed to receive all monies for foreign missions.

### VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

In reference to the Nittany Valley charge the following resolutions were passed :

XIII. *Resolved*, That in case the Nittany Valley charge be not immediately supplied, the brethren, Reese, Anspach, Kohler, Shindel, Boyer, and Flint, be requested to preach at least once a month in it, until said charge shall be supplied by a settled pastor.

XIV. *Resolved*, That the above named brethren confer together, and arrange the time of their several visits, and report the same to this body.

*Report of the committee on Frey's Institute.*

The undersigned appointed to promote the interests of humanity, religion and the church, in regard to the administration of the Orphan-house of George Frey, respectfully report :

That they attended to the duties assigned them. In the prosecution of this object, the chairman of the committee visited Harrisburg during the session of the Legislature in February, 1846, before he left this country for Europe, and spent a week in presenting the claims of this cause to the members of the Legislature, and especially before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, which kindly granted him an audience. He also had repeated conferences with Mr. Brown, the Principal of the Orphan-house, and induced him to agree to a compromise, by which, whilst the design of the testator should be sacredly and forever adhered to, new Trustees were named in the act, and the Lutheran Synod of Penn., and that of West Penn. were empowered thereafter to nominate to the Court suitable persons as their successors, to be appointed by the Court under all the responsibilities of the will. This compromise somewhat modified, was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. Thus there was every reason to hope that the long continued efforts of this Synod and that of Penn'a. would be crowned with success, and that the cause of humanity and religion would soon reap the rich fruits of this large though much abused legacy.

But these hopes are not yet to be realized. It soon became evident that Dr. Brown was dissatisfied with the Act of Legislature and would resist its execution. When the new Trustees appointed according to the act of Legislature, viz. Judge Dock, D. Hummel, J. Reel and J. Seiler, Esqs., wished to enter on the discharge of their duties, the Trustees in possession refused to surrender their charge. The new Trustees commenced a suit of ejectment against them, and gained their cause in the Court of Common Pleas. But an appeal was taken by the defendants to the Supreme Court, which resulted in a reversal of the decision of the Court below, and a judgment for the defendants.

The opinion of the Court was delivered by Judge Coulter, who pronounces the Act of 1846 unconstitutional, because it infringes the rights vested in the principal and trustees by the Act of incorporation or charter of 1839, both as individuals and depositories of the vested rights of the orphans, inasmuch as it divested them of those rights without due course of law. He also maintains in opposition to the experience of thirty years, that the Courts afford ample means of redress in case of any maladministration under the will, and that therefore no change was necessary in the mode of appointing the Trustees.

By this decision, on which we will offer no comment, our expectations of the speedy and effectual execution of the design of the testator are blasted; yet we still cherish the hope that the present Principal and Trustees under the pressure of public opinion, will do something towards executing the trust reposed in them. In conclusion we recommend, that the Committee of Synod be continued, in order to observe, to report the progress of events, and take such steps as may be deemed

necessary, but not to incur any expense on behalf of this Synod without further action of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. SCHMUCKER,  
AUG. H. LOCHMAN.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Rev. A. H. Lochman and George Schoch were then appointed a committee, No. 16, to receive a paper at this time handed to the President, and report to Synod.

With regard to ministers living within the bounds of this Synod, but who are attached to other Synods, it was on motion,

XV. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Synod send a copy of the resolutions of committee No. 1, touching the importance of ministers connecting themselves with those Synods within whose bounds their churches are located—to the church councils and ministers of those churches embraced in the resolutions, and to the Presidents of Synods adjoining this body.

The following resolutions were likewise discussed and passed:

XVI. *Resolved*, That each conference within the bounds of this Synod, be earnestly requested to hold at least four meetings, on week days, during the year, and that all the brethren be requested to attend each meeting.

XVII. *Resolved*, That the Middle District Conference of this Synod be a committee to divide their district, and report this afternoon.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to attend the examination of Pennsylvania College, and report progress in studies, &c. of the beneficiaries on the funds of our Synodical Education Society, at the next annual meeting of Synod.

The committee are Rev. J. Albert, Rev. S. Sprecher, and J. Ulrich.

XIX. *Resolved*, That this Synod regards catechetical instruction of the rising generation, both in early life and as a part of the instruction preparatory to confirmation, as of the utmost importance.

XX. *Resolved*, That this Synod rejoice in the conviction that this duty is faithfully attended to by all the ministers in its connection, and it is earnestly hoped that this ancient and blessed custom may not be neglected in any part of our church.

XXI. *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the

members of the Ev. Luth. church, to encourage their children to attend regularly the catechetical instruction of their pastors, and also themselves give them such instruction.

XXII. *Resolved*, That the Lutheran congregation on the west side of the Susquehanna, and near Mechanicsburg, be requested to seek the services of a Lutheran minister.

In regard to the English Lutheran hymn-book the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Inasmuch as it has been intimated that efforts will be made to change the general character of the English Lutheran hymn-book ; and whereas said hymn-book has now passed through a large number of editions, and has been circulated through a large portion of the church ; and whereas many of our members have become familiar with these hymns, as sources of comfort and instruction, by which they have become identified with the religious life and practice of the church ; and whereas the embarrassments, spiritual injury and ministerial perplexities arising from frequent and essential changes, are numerous and serious in the highest degree ; therefore

XXIII. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the General Synod not to make any other than verbal alterations in the hymn-book proper, with the exception of the omission of the chorus connected with hymn 341, or such other minor alterations as will not destroy the substantial integrity of any hymns, nor interfere with the use of the old book in connection with the new.

*Committee No. 16, now reported :*

The letter handed to your committee, is a communication from some members of the Williamsport congregation, stating that a split was occasioned in that congregation by our sending brother Kohler to them as a missionary; that they have sent a Mr. Slear to this Synod, to give all necessary information on this subject. They request that a committee be sent to the place to investigate matters.

This letter is signed by four members.

AUGUSTUS H. LOCHMAN,  
Chairman of the committee.  
GEO. J. SCHOCH.

The report was accepted, but before any further action was taken on it, Synod adjourned to meet this afternoon, after the religious services of the church.

Prayer by brother Heim.

## Fourth Session.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment Synod met.

Prayer by Dr. Krauth.

The minutes of the morning were read, corrected and approved.

The Rev. D. Kohler, delegate from the Pennsylvania Synod, now appeared, and on motion took his seat.

The unfinished business of the morning session, touching the report of committee No. 16, was now resumed.

On motion,

XXIV. *Resolved*, That Mr. Slear, of Williamsport congregation, be now invited to address this body.

Whereupon it was, on motion,

XXV. *Resolved*, That, after having attentively heard the statements of the parties in regard to the difficulty in the congregation in Williamsport, this Synod regard the Rev. Kohler as the regular pastor of the Lutheran church in that place, and that those Lutherans who have not yet united with him, be earnestly requested to do so, and to co-operate with their brethren in his support.

Brother F. Ruthrauff, of the East Pennsylvania Synod appeared, as the alternate of brother Weiser, whereupon it was,

XXVI. *Resolved*, That he be received as a delegate from that body, until the arrival of the latter.

Rev. Daniel Kohler having presented a copy of the minutes of the last convention of Pennsylvania Synod, Rev. J. Albert and G. Ray were appointed a committee, No. 17, to report on the same.

*Report of the Middle Conference District.*

The middle conference district of West Pennsylvania as now constituted, is composed of the following ministers and charges:

1. Rev. Kohler, *Williamsport*,
2. " Flint, *Jersey Shore*,
3. " Reese, *Aaronsburg*,
4. " Anspach, *Mifflinburg*,
5. " Boyer, *McEwensville*,
6. " Shindel, *Swinefordstown*,
7. " Erlenmeyer, *Straupstown*,
8. Nittany Valley charge,
9. Lewistown charge,

10. Rev. Jacob Martin, *Misslaintown*,
11. " Weaver, *Liverpool*,
12. " L. Knight, *Bloomfield*,
13. " W. Heim, *Loysville*.

The matter of division having been referred to the Conference itself, they having taken the matter into consideration, would suggest the following division to be made of said conference district:

- |                           |   |                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Rev. Kohler,           | } | <i>To constitute a conference to be known as the Centre Conference District of the Synod of West Pennsylvania.</i> |
| 2. " Flint,               |   |                                                                                                                    |
| 3. " Erlenmeyer,          |   |                                                                                                                    |
| 4. " Reese,               |   |                                                                                                                    |
| 5. " Anspach,             |   |                                                                                                                    |
| 6. " Boyer,               |   |                                                                                                                    |
| 7. " Shindel,             |   |                                                                                                                    |
| 8. Nittany Valley charge, |   |                                                                                                                    |
| 1. Rev. W. Heim,          | } | <i>To constitute a conference to be designated the Juniata Conference of West Penn. Synod.</i>                     |
| 2. " L. Knight,           |   |                                                                                                                    |
| 3. " W. Weaver,           |   |                                                                                                                    |
| 4. " J. Martin,           |   |                                                                                                                    |
| 5. Lewistown charge,      |   |                                                                                                                    |

#### *Seventeenth Committee.*

The Committee entrusted with the last minutes of the Synod of Pennsylvania, would beg leave respectfully to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find nothing contained in them that has reference to this body, but the following items, viz.:

1. The appointment of Rev. D. Kohler as delegate to this Synod.
2. A resolution to publish a new German Hymn-book, to which important undertaking the participation and brotherly co-operation of sister Synods are respectfully invited.

For the publication of this work the following reasons are assigned, viz.:

- a. Because the old Hymn-book of that Synod is at present used but by a few congregations; the rest of Hymn-books being destitute of ecclesiastical sanction.
- b. Because the old Hymn-book can be obtained but in small print, such as is not adapted to the wants of old people, and because a reduction in the price is desirable.
- c. Because the printing of this book is withdrawn from the church, and consequently exposed to any and every self authorized alteration.
- d. Because it is to be feared that if Synod will not undertake the publication of a new Hymn-book, individual congregations will introduce such Hymn-books as they shall think proper.

The committee appointed to superintend the publication of said Hymn-book is composed of Rev. Drs. Demme and Miller, Rev. Richards, Ulrich and Becker.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ALBERT,  
J. RAY.

The report was accepted.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to co-operate with the Synod of Penn. in preparing and publishing a new German Hymn-book, the said committee to incur no pecuniary responsibilities. The committee are Dr. S. S. Schmucker, Rev. J. Albert, and A. G. Deininger.

The report as thus acted on, was adopted.

The brethren appointed to supply the Nittany Valley charge, until said charge secure the services of a regular pastor, respectfully report, that they have agreed to serve said charge as follows :

Brother J. P. Shindel, November and May,

“ Anspach, December and June,

“ Boyer, January and July,

“ Flint, February and August,

“ Reese, March and September.

In behalf of the Committee,

T. M. FLINT.

On motion,

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That the Eastern District Conference of West Pennsylvania, be divided. Cumberland and Franklin counties to constitute the one division, to be called the Cumberland and Franklin county Conference, the other to be designated the York and Adams County Conference of West Pennsylvania Synod.

#### PRINTING MINUTES.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That two hundred copies of the minutes in the English, and the same number in the German language be printed, and that the Secretary be directed to have the work executed at whatever office it can be done to the best advantage to Synod.

XXX. *Resolved*, That the summaries of parochial items, and the enumeration of officers of the several Synods in the reports of committees on their minutes, be omitted from our printed minutes.

Synod adjourned until after the evening services.

Prayer by brother F. Ruthrauff.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. A. H. Lochman preached in the German language, from Psalms 10 : 37.

#### Fifth Session.

SATURDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The session opened with prayer by Rev. J. Martin.

The minutes were read and adopted.

## ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following brethren were elected :

| Ministerial.                 | Lay-delegates.  |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., | Dr. D. Gilbert, |
| “ C. P. Krauth, D. D.,       | J. Ray,         |
| “ A. Babb,                   | F. Smith,       |
| “ A. H. Lochman,             | C. A. Morris,   |
| “ J. N. Hoffman,             | M. Nead.        |

This election being attended to, the following brethren were appointed to represent this body at different Synodical meetings :

|                                           |                          |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rev. C. P. Krauth, at the Maryland Synod, |                          |
| “ S. S. Schmucker,                        | Pennsylvania Synod,      |
| “ J. Martin,                              | East Pennsylvania Synod, |
| “ A. Babb,                                | Alleghany Synod, 1848.   |

XXXI. *Resolved*, That the Rev. T. M. Flint be excused from attending the Alleghany Synod this Fall.

## ELECTION FOR A DIRECTOR OF THE SEMINARY.

There being but one vacancy, the Rev. J. Albert was re-elected for five years.

## PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD FOR 1848.

Invitations were received from Mechanicsburg and East Berlin. The election resulted in favor of East Berlin.

On motion,

XXXII. *Resolved*, That this Synod, after its final adjournment, meet at East Berlin on Friday evening before the last Sabbath in September, 1848.

Adjourned to meet on Monday at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by brother A. G. Deininger.

Preaching at 7 o'clock this evening, by brother J. N. Hoffman, in the English language, from 1 Cor. 6 : 20.

## SABBATH EXERCISES.

The religious services of the Sabbath were conducted by members of Synod, as follows : In the morning Dr. S. S. Schmucker preached the Sacramental sermon in the German language, from Math. 28 : 19. After sermon, Synod and a large congregation united in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon br.

Kempfer preached, likewise in the German language, from Psalms 22: 5, and in the evening Prof. Jacobs, in English, from Romans 8: 3, 4. In the Presbyterian church, in the morning, Rev. W. Weaver preached from 1 Kings 19: 11-13, and in the afternoon, the Rev. L. Knight, from Esther 5: 13. A number of the brethren preached in the neighborhood; their texts not known. Whilst Paul planted, and Apollos watered, may the Lord give the increase.

### Sixth Session.

MONDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment Synod met.

Session opened with prayer by brother L. T. Williams.

Minutes of Saturday evening were read and adopted.

Rev. S. R. Boyer and Thos. Furster were appointed a committee, No. 18, to report on a letter received this morning, from Rev. W. Heilig.

### *Committee No. 15, on written reports.*

The committee on written reports present the following:

1. Rev. A. G. Deininger reports that the state of religion in his charge is quite flattering. The means of grace are well attended, Sabbath schools exist in nearly all his congregations; that there is less Sabbath desecration than formerly, and that there is an increased attention to family duties. The progress of the good work is somewhat impeded, by those who are satisfied with a mere profession of religion. The collections for benevolent purposes during the year amount to \$39 96.

2. Rev. J. Albert reports that the standard of piety is not as high as it might be; yet, the indications of improvement are quite encouraging. His Sabbath schools are also prospering. Benevolent collections, during the year, amount to \$70 00, of which amount Mrs. Rebecca Billmyer paid \$10 00 to constitute herself a life member of the Education Society.

3. Rev. J. Ulrich reports that he has about 1200 confirmed members in his charge, of whom at least 1000 have communed during the past year. Though there has been no especial outpouring of the spirit of God; yet many awakenings occurred during the year, of whom many give evidence of a change of heart. Catechetical instructions have been regularly attended to, and a goodly number have been confirmed. A new union house of worship is now in progress of being built.

The benevolent operations of the church have been sustained, but not to the same extent desired by the Pastor.

This charge presents the following fact that they are out of debt. Prayer meetings and Sabbath schools find general favor amongst his people.

4. Rev. E. Breidenbaugh reports that during the past year his charge has

not enjoyed any especial manifestations of God's presence in the awakening and conviction of sinners. The means of grace are however regularly attended, and the hope is indulged that the means employed will be so sanctified that they will result in much good, and as the secret leaven its influence will be felt and seen hereafter.

5. Rev. S. R. Boyer reports that his congregations are in a prosperous condition, that nothing, however has occurred during the past year that he deems worthy of notice: only that the people of his charge have purchased a very good parsonage, at a suitable place; for which they raised the money in a few weeks.

6. Rev. Wm. Weaver reports that when he came to his charge, he found things in a deplorable and discouraging condition; yet by perseverance and industry, he has succeeded in gathering the scattered members and organizing them into regular congregations; establishing Sabbath schools and prayer-meetings. Whilst the field is large and laborious, it is still encouraging to think that he has not labored in vain.

7. Rev. T. M. Flint reports that since our last meeting of Synod he has taken charge of the Jersey Shore pastorate, where he found things in a prosperous condition, owing to the fidelity of his predecessor.

Nothing of especial interest has transpired since his location in the place. Sabbath schools and prayer meetings exist throughout the charge. The contributions for benevolent purposes are \$29 36.

8. Rev. J. P. Shindel, Jr. reports that the attendance upon the ordinances of religion is good, and in some of his congregations a deep interest is felt in the welfare of the church. Peace and harmony prevail among the members; Sabbath schools are large, and the prejudice that formerly existed is rapidly dying away. There is less desecration of the holy Sabbath. The temperance cause has its warm advocates; whilst there is still room for improvement on this subject. Upon the whole he has great reason for thankfulness. He collected in the Ridge congregation, \$19 76; Beaver Dam, 7 54; Laurel Run, 7 00; Hessler's, 4 50; Centreville, 3 51; Middle creek, 3 13; Hassinger's, 2 53. Total, \$48 35.

Respectfully submitted,

A. BABB,  
J. MARTIN.

The report was accepted and adopted.

*The committee on papers from Mr. Probst, reported :*

The committee to whom were referred certain papers from Mr. Probst, of Allentown, report that they relate to a religious publication for the benefit of the rising generation, entitled, "Der Jugendfreund," of which a copy accompanies his letter. He requests the co-operation of this body in circulating said paper.

Your committee, having previously seen and examined this paper, take

pleasure in recommending it to the confidence and patronage of our churches, so far as its character has hitherto been developed.

S. S. SCHMUCKER.

Adopted.

*Eighteenth Committee.*

The paper handed to us, is a letter from Rev. W. Heilig, requesting to be excused for not attending the meeting of this Synod, as he is engaged in teaching school, and has charge of only one congregation. He also sends ten dollars to this Synod, which he says may be appropriated as the brethren may think proper.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BOYER,  
THOS. FURSTER.

Accepted.

XXXIII. *Resolved*, That brother Heilig be excused.

XXXIV. *Resolved*, That the money sent by brother Heilig to Synod be divided as follows: Synodical Treasury \$2 00, Education Treasury \$6 00, Home Missions \$2 00.

Adopted.

In reference to the next meeting of East Pennsylvania Synod, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas we have learned that the brethren of East Pennsylvania Synod contemplate holding their next meeting within the bounds of our Synod, therefore,

XXXV. *Resolved*, That we regard such a step as inconsistent with ecclesiastical order and the peace of the church; and that we therefore respectfully request these brethren to change their place of meeting so that they may meet within the bounds of their own Synod.

XXXVI. *Resolved*, That this preamble and resolution be sent to the President of East Penn. Synod.

XXXVII. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Synod be instructed to publish in the Lutheran Observer and the Kirchenbote, the resolutions relating to Synodical boundaries, together with the preamble and resolutions respecting the meeting of East Pennsylvania Synod within our boundaries; also the resolutions relating to catechetical instruction.

XXXVIII. *Resolved*, That the resolution in report of committee No. 1, having reference to the holding of a Conference meet-

ing, to determine the Synodical relation of the ministers resident between the branches of the Susquehanna, be reconsidered.

Whereupon it was, on motion,

XXXIX. *Resolved*, That our delegate to the Synod of Pennsylvania procure all documentary evidence, which he may be able to obtain, touching the boundary line between the Synod of Pennsylvania and of West Pennsylvania, and report to this body at its next meeting.

XL. *Resolved*, That the ministers' widows, Mrs. Gottwald and Mrs. Melsheimer, each receive \$20 00.

XLI. *Resolved*, That the brethren, members of this Synod, be requested to make renewed efforts to obtain subscribers for the Lutheran Observer, and the Lutherische Kirchenbote.

XLII. *Resolved*, That the Synod now adjourn, to meet as an Education and Missionary Society.

#### EDUCATION AND HOME MISSIONARY MEETING.

The report of the Treasurer of the Parent Education Society was read. The report is as follows:

To the Education Society of the Ev. Luth. Synod of West Pennsylvania, the following report for the year ending Sept. 20th, A. D. 1847, is respectfully submitted:

|                                                                                                             |           |
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| West Penn. Auxiliary Society in account with Parent Education Society, viz.:                                |           |
| To account of balance due as per report of Sept., 1846, .....                                               | \$885 13  |
| 1846. Nov. To appropriations 1st qr. to Messrs. Ruthrauff, Yingling, Wedekind, Raby, Cline and Henry, ..... | 167 00    |
| 1847. Jan'y. To do. to Messrs. Ruthrauff, Yingling, Wedekind, Raby, Cline, Sell, McHenry and Heinard, ..... | 217 31    |
| " June. To do, 3d qr. to Yingling, Cline, Wedekind, Raby, Sell and Henry, .....                             | 114 00    |
| " Aug. To do. 4th qr., to Messrs. Yingling, Cline, Wedekind, Raby and Ruthrauff, .....                      | 98 00     |
| Postage during year, .....                                                                                  | 00 87     |
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| 1846. Oct. | By cash per Prof. Jacobs, Treasurer of Synod, ..... | \$608 92 |
| " "        | do. do. Rev. Flint, .....                           | 10 00    |
| " Dec.     | do. do. Rev. L. T. Williams, .....                  | 13 00    |
| " "        | do. do. Rev. J. Ulrich, Bender's church, .....      | 6 00     |
| " "        | do. do. Tuscarora Valley, .....                     | 10 00    |
| " "        | do. do. Mosers Valley, .....                        | 5 00     |
| " "        | do. do. A. Babb, .....                              | 17 00    |

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| 1847. | April. | do. | do. | Rev. J. Ulrich, Bender's and Pine,..... | 22 | 81 |
| "     | May.   | do. | do. | J. G. Anspach, Mifflinburg,.....        | 20 | 00 |
| "     | "      | do. | do. | B. Keller's charge,.....                | 26 | 12 |
| "     | June.  | do. | do. | J. Martin's charge,.....                | 47 | 12 |

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785 97

Balance,..... \$696 34

Mr. Sell's 2d qr. to be paid,..... 20 00

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\$716 34

D. GILBERT,  
Treas. of Parent Ed. Society.

Gettysburg, Sept. 20th, 1847.

The report was accepted, and having been carefully examined by Dr. Krauth, was adopted.

The Society being informed by Dr. Krauth that Mr. Cline was overpaid \$6 00, and that he was not able to refund, it was, on motion,

XLIII. *Resolved*, That Mr. Cline be permitted to keep the said six dollars.

The report of the Executive committee of the Parent Society was then read.

The report was accepted and taken up by items:

(For Resolutions 44, 45, 46 and 48, see records of Synod.)

At this stage of the proceedings, Dr. B. Kurtz was introduced and received as an advisory member of this body.

XLVII. *Resolved*, That Mr. H. Cline is hereafter to receive the full amount of \$100 00 per annum, usually received by beneficiaries, on the funds of our Society.

The report as a whole, adopted.

XLIX. *Resolved*, That Mr. George W. Brown, of Bloomfield, Perry county, be received on the funds of the Society, and receive \$40 00 per annum.

In order to enable the Society to determine the amount of funds to be appropriated to beneficiaries during the current year, the brethren were called upon by a resolution, to specify the sum each one respectively supposes himself able to collect. The following is the result:

|                        |      |                |      |
|------------------------|------|----------------|------|
| W. Heim,               | \$25 | J. G. Anspach, | \$30 |
| C. P. Krauth, himself, | 5    | J. Ulrich,     | 30   |
| S. S. Schmucker, do.   | 5    | C. Reese,      | 20   |
| M. Jacobs, do.         | 5    | J. P. Shindel, | 25   |

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| A. H. Lochman,   | 60 | C. F. Kunkle,    | 20 |
| A. G. Deininger, | 25 | A. Berg,         | 30 |
| P. Scheurer,     | 5  | J. Kohler        | 10 |
| J. Oswald,       | 10 | E. Briedenbaugh, | 20 |
| T. M. Flint,     | 30 | W. Weaver,       | 20 |
| M. Eyster,       | 30 | G. Erlenmeyer,   | 25 |
| L. Knight,       | 20 | L. Williams,     | 20 |
| W. Kopp,         | 20 | A. Babb,         | 30 |

L. *Resolved*, That this Society appropriate \$800 00 for the support of beneficiaries during the present year.

LI. *Resolved*, That the Society adjourn to meet this evening, at 7 o'clock, and that the Ministerium meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Dr. B. Kurtz.

### Seventh Session.

MONDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Society met agreeably to adjournment.

Prayer by brother Erlenmeyer.

Agreeably to arrangement at the last annual meeting, two addresses were now delivered to a large and attentive audience. The claims of Home Missions was forcibly urged by brother J. Albert, in the German language, who was followed in English by the Secretary, on the claims of the beneficiary education cause upon the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. After the addresses the roll was called, when each member present of this body paid \$1 00, being his annual Ed. and Miss. contribution; a collection was likewise taken up from the congregation, which amounted to \$12 07. Subsequently \$5 00 were paid by Mr. J. Ray, and \$1 00 by Mr. J. Fillman for the Education cause.

Whereas the education of pious young men for the gospel ministry, is of vital importance to the welfare of the church, and whereas some of the brethren paid but little to this noble cause during the last Synodical year, therefore

LII. *Resolved*, That it be considered the duty of every member of this Synod to use his influence for collecting funds for the Education Society.

LIII. *Resolved*, That two-thirds of the funds collected this evening be devoted to the beneficiary education cause.

Mr. Muntz, of Alleghany city, agent of a small Lutheran congregation, called the "Mission Church," agreeably to invitation, now presented the object and special claims of his agency; whereupon it was, on motion,

LIV. *Resolved*, That this Association cordially recommend br. Muntz and the Alleghany Mission, to the ministers and congregations in our connexion.

LV. *Resolved*, That the stations of Alleghany city and Williamsport, be recommended to the special attention of the Executive committee of the Parent Home Missionary Society.

Mr. Thomas Furster asked and obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by brother A. G. Deininger.

### Eighth Session.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Society met.

Prayer by brother Jacobs.

The minutes of last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Rev. S. R. Boyer, and the Rev. E. Breidenbaugh were appointed by the President to deliver the Education and Missionary Addresses at our next meeting, the former in the German, and the latter in the English language.

The missionary and education business being finished, it was, on motion,

LVI. *Resolved*, That the Society now adjourn, and that we resolve ourselves into the Synod of West Pennsylvania.

On motion,

LVII. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to examine applicants for licensure at our next meeting.

Dr. C. P. Krauth, Rev. G. Erlenmeyer, Rev. W. Heim, Rev. B. Keller, and Rev. J. Albert, are this committee.

At this stage of the business, brother D. Kohler presented six dozen of sermons to Synod, to be sold during the year, and the proceeds to be devoted to the education and missionary cause; whereupon it was, on motion,

LVIII. *Resolved*, That the sermons be gratefully received by

Synod; and that the Secretary take charge of them, and report the proceeds therefrom, to the next meeting of Synod.

LIX. *Resolved*, That brother A. H. Lochman be appointed to preach the ordination sermon next year.

The Rev. M. Kasper, of the German Reformed Church, was introduced to Synod, and invited to a seat as advisory member.

The Synodical business now being finished, it was, on motion,

LX. *Resolved*, That the Synod now adjourn to meet at the place and time fixed by a previous resolution: and that the ministerium meet again immediately after the adjournment of Synod.

The President then pronounced the Synod adjourned, and having in the name of his ministerial brethren thanked the lay-delegates for their attendance, he dismissed them.

Closed with prayer by brother Kempfer.

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## Ministerial Session.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Ministerium met according to previous appointment.

Prayer by Dr. S. S. Schmucker.

The Rev. R. Weiser, delegate (principal) of East Pennsylvania, was then introduced, and invited to a seat as advisory member of this body.

The *Examining Committee* now submitted their report, which is as follows:

The examining committee respectfully report, that they have examined Messrs. Schmucker and Gerhart. The examination embraced Hebrew, Greek, Philology, Exegesis, Church History, Dogmatic Theology, and incidentally the German language. The committee were entirely satisfied with the proficiency of the young gentlemen, and recommend them to the Ministerium as qualified to receive the candidates' license. They desire, in addition, to express the hope that the Ministerium will in future insist rigidly upon a full course in both institutions in those whom they admit to the sacred ministry.

C. P. KRAUTH,  
G. ERLÉNMEYER,  
J. N. HOFFMAN.

The report was accepted, and on motion,

I. *Resolved*, That Messrs. B. M. Schmucker and W. Gerhart be received as licensed candidates.

The report was adopted.

No. 2, of the second committee, referred to the Ministerium, was now considered ; whereupon it was on motion,

II. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to communicate to the Rev. D. Keyl, the resolutions of Synod, touching the geographical boundaries established between adjoining Synods.

#### *Twelfth Committee.*

To committee No. 12, were referred the journal and sermons of brother Knight, together with a half dozen sketches. Your committee recommend the ordination of this brother.

M. EYSTER,  
A. H. LOCHMAN.

The report was accepted and adopted.

#### *Thirteenth Committee.*

Committee No. 13, would respectfully report as follows: The papers put into their hands are the journal, two sermons, and a number of sketches of sermons prepared by brother Kopp. Your committee would recommend the ordination of this brother.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MARTIN,  
P. SCHEURER.

Accepted and adopted.

#### *Fourteenth Committee.*

The 14th committee would respectfully report, that the documents referred to them contained,

No. 1. The papers relating to licentiate Deininger, which were as follows :

- a. His last year's license.
- b. Two sermons on important practical subjects, fully written out.
- c. Is brother Deininger's journal.

No. 2. Similar papers referring to licentiate Weaver :

- a. His former license.
- b. Several sermons.
- c. Brother Weaver's journal.

d. A letter from brother Weaver's charge, signed by about twenty members, testifying to the christian deportment and ministerial faithfulness of their pastor, and requesting Synod to ordain him.

J. N. HOFFMAN,  
J. W. HEIM.

Accepted.

On motion,

III. *Resolved*, That brother Weaver be ordained.

Adopted.

On motion,

IV. *Resolved*, That brother Deininger's license be renewed.

Brother J. N. Hoffman asked and obtained leave of absence for himself and his delegate.

V. *Resolved*, That in our printed minutes the strictures upon the qualifications, the sermons, sketches, &c. of applicants and licensed candidates, be omitted.

VI. *Resolved*, That the ordination service take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet at the time appointed for ordination.

### Ministerial Session.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Ministerium met, together with a large congregation of people, who had assembled themselves for the purpose of witnessing the solemnities of the occasion. The exercises were commenced with singing and prayer. The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. C. P. Krauth, from 1 Cor. 4: 1, 2.

### LICENSING OF CANDIDATES.

On invitation, the brethren, Schmucker and Gerhart, presented themselves before the altar, and after having answered in the affirmative the questions propounded to them by the President, they were commended to the blessing of God, and received as licensed candidates for the holy ministry.

### ORDINATION.

The following brethren then presented themselves at the altar, for ordination, viz: Weaver, Knight and Kopp. Agreeably to the Constitution of Synod, the President read the form of ordination. For this solemn act he made use of the form laid down in the Liturgy of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania. The candidates having answered the usual questions in the affirmative, were solemnly set apart to the work of the ministry by the laying on of hands. In this act, the remaining officers of Synod assisted the President. The other brethren then extended to them the right

hand of fellowship, and welcomed them into their midst, as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dr. S. S. Schmucker then addressed the congregation, thanking them in the name of the Synod for the kindness and hospitality with which the members were entertained during their sojourn in their midst, and having affectionately admonished them to treasure up in their hearts the solemn truths proclaimed to them, from day to day, during the meeting of Synod, he commended them to the blessing of God and the power of His Grace. After the singing of another hymn, the exercises were closed with a fervent prayer, the President leading. The meeting was then dismissed with the Apostolic benediction.

That the foregoing is a faithful minute of the proceedings of the Synod of West Pennsylvania, held in Mifflinburg, Union Co., is certified by

JOHN ULRICH, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, from the Synod of West Pennsylvania:

| Names.            | Elected. | Time.    | Expiration. |
|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Rev. S. Sprecher, | 1843,    | 5 years, | 1848.       |
| “ B. Keller,      | 1845,    | 4 do.    | 1849.       |
| “ J. Ulrich,      | 1846,    | 4 do.    | 1850.       |
| “ A. Babb,        | 1846,    | 5 do.    | 1851.       |
| “ J. Albert,      | 1847,    | 5 do.    | 1852.       |
| Dr. D. Gilbert,   | 1843,    | 5 do.    | 1848.       |